

# Testimony

## **RE: HB 5308 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PETROLEUM CLEAN-UP PROGRAM**

We respectfully request that the Environment Committee pass HB5308. We are five “elder” women, ranging from 67 to 80 years of age, and have been embroiled in an untenable position for many years with a ground pollution cleanup bill which we contend should be covered by the EPA-approved Connecticut Underground Storage Tank (UST) Petroleum Clean-up Program. The UST Fund was created for this exact purpose, using money collected by the state from a gross receipts tax on gasoline sales.

We inherited a gas station property from our fathers (the Trezzi brothers) and it was leased out to Petrol Plus and then to Alliance Energy. A Chance Energy cleaned up our inherited gas station property contamination but the adjoining property owner refused to allow anyone on his property. The state then stepped in and decided to clean up an underground plume that had migrated onto that property.

However, since Petrol Plus no longer existed and Alliance Energy no longer was running the gas station, the state felt that we should foot the bill for the cleanup conducted on the neighboring property, even though we never owned the underground tanks.

This situation has been hanging over our heads for years now, and, as you may well imagine, causes significant stress to all of us and our families.

We therefore, ask that you please remediate this situation so that our children and grandchildren will not have to face the traumatic uncertainty under which we have been forced to live for all these years.

Sincerely,

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